

Seattle City Council

Housing, Human Services, Health and Culture Committee Meeting

2 p.m. Friday, September 17th, 2010

Words' Worth

The Poetry Program of the Seattle City Council

Curated by **A K Mimi Allin**

Today's poet is **A K Mimi Allin**

A K Mimi Allin has twice crossed the Pacific Ocean by boat, has worked a climbing ranger on Mt. Rainier and served in the Peace Corps in Poland. In 2003, she enrolled at City College of New York where she split her time between Museum Studies and Writing. In 2006, Allin returned to Seattle and started practicing as a performance artist. In her work titled *Nostalgia: The Poetess at Green Lake* (2006-2007), she sat at a small writing desk offering intimate poetry exchanges to passers-by. This past January, she became the nation's first corporate poet, completing a month-long residency at NBBJ in Seattle. Allin has also created work for ACT Theatre, Seattle Art Museum, Bumbershoot, ArtSparks, LitFuse, Smoke Farm, Brave New Words and Urban Wilderness Project.

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By A K Mimi Allin

The burden of interconnectedness.
The burden of family.
The burden of hair.
The burden of small talk.
The burden of glass.
The burden of feet.
The burden of the intellect.
The burden of hunger.
The burden of society.
The burden of nutrition.
The burden of a car.
The burden of a plant.
The burden of good health.
The burden of politics.
The burden of history.
The burden of language.
The burden of grass.
The burden of an image.
The burden of a dream.
The burden of a conversation.
The burden of burdens.

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